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SUBJECT:AUSTRIA PROPOSES VIENNA AS THIRD UN CITY

1.ON SEPTEMBER 30, AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR ARNO HALUSA
DELIVERED TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBERT O. BLAKE,
IO, AN AIDE MEMOIRE PRESENTING AN OFFER OF EXCESS CAPACITY
IN VIENNA'S NEW IAEA/UNIDO DONAUPARK FACILITY FOR A SHARE
OF UN CONFERENCES-- AND FOR SOME OVERFLOW UNITS OF THE UN
SECRETARIAT.

2. THE TEXT OF THE AUSTRIAN PRESENTATION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

IN THE YEAR 1972 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
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INSTRUCTED THE UN-JOINT INSPECTION UNIT TO SET UP A NEW

UN PATTERN OF CONFERENCES BY THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE FALL OF THE YEAR 1974, IN WHICH FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN ADDITION TO NEW YORK AND GENEVA, VIENNA WAS ALSO TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION.

AT THE XXVIIITH ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AUSTRIA EXTENDED TO THE UNITED NATIONS THE INVITATION TO MAKE THE BEST POSSIBLE USE OF THE PROJECT WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE DONAUPARK IN VIENNA FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND WHICH PROJECT IS TO BE COMPLETED

BY 1978. IN THAT SPIRIT, AUSTRIA:

1) OFFERED TO PUT THE CONFERENCE BUILDING, ORIGINALLY ENVISIONED ONLY FOR THE USE OF IAEA AND UNIDO, AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF VIENNA INTO THE UN-CONFERENCE PATTERN.

2) INVITED THE UNITED NATIONS TO MAKE USE OF EXTRA ROOM CAPACITY IN THE DONAUPARK OFFICE BUILDING AFTER THEIR COMPLETION IN 1978 BY TRANSFERRING TO VIENNA FURTHER UNITS OF THE UN SECRETARIAT OF UP TO ABOUT 500 PERSONS.

FOR THE USE OF THE CONFERENCE BUILDING, AS WELL AS FOR HOUSING THE UN SECRETARIAT UNITS, THE SAME CONDITIONS SHALL APPLY AS LAID DOWN BY AUSTRIA IN 1967 IN THE OFFERS MADE TO UNIDO AND IAEA, NAMELY, A NOMINAL RENT OF ONE SHILLING PER ANNUM FOR A PERIOD OF 99 YEARS. THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS OFFER WOULD MEAN A CONSIDERABLE SAVING TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RENTALS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BECOME NECESSARY.

THE PRESENT REPORT OF THE UN-INSPECTION UNIT ADDRESSES ITSELF TO THE AUSTRIAN OFFER. AUSTRIA ITSELF HAS ALSO PREPARED A MEMORANDUM ON THESE QUESTIONS WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED AS UN-DOCUMENT A/9589, REVISION 1.

THE DEBATE ON THESE QUESTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS YEAR'S UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER AGENDA ITEM 77- JOINT INSPECTION UNIT - AND ITEM 78 - PATTERN OF CONFERENCES.

THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THESE QUESTIONS AND WOULD APPRECIATE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE SUPPORT BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS. END TEXT

3. MR. BLAKE TOLD AMBASSADOR HALUSA THAT THE DEPARTMENT
WOULD CONSIDER THE AUSTRIAN OFFER.

4. THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THE VIEWS OF USUN AND INFOR-
MATION ADDRESSEES. INGERSOLL

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